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Statement by Governor Jan Brewer
Arizona Mourns a Fallen Arizona Navy Officer

"My heart breaks for the family and friends of Chief Petty Officer Christian Michael Pike, of Peoria, who died Wednesday from combat-related injuries sustained while serving our nation in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

"CPO Pike, 31, had been assigned to a Naval Special Warfare unit, and was injured earlier this week while conducting operations in Maiwand District, Afghanistan. He was transported for medical treatment to Landstuhl, Germany, where he succumbed to his injuries.

"I ask that all Arizonans join me in thoughtful prayer for CPO Pike, his loved ones and his fellow Navy brothers and sisters. Please continue to keep all of Arizona's servicemen and women in your hearts and thoughts. Their service and sacrifice must never be taken for granted.

"In honor of CPO Christian Michael Pike, I have ordered that flags at all state buildings be lowered to half-staff on Friday, March 15, 2013, from sunrise to sunset. State flags will be lowered once more on the day of his interment, for which services are pending."

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